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Mr. Jeff South  
Interim Director of the Office of Planning & Programming  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
2300 South Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, Illinois 62764

Subject: Transportation Improvement Program Amendment  
Chicago Metropolitan Area

Dear Mr. South:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approves the highway [amendments](#) and accept the [administrative modifications](#) to the FY 2014-2019 Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Transportation Improvement Program, and the FY 2015-2018 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), as submitted with your letter dated July 20, 2015.

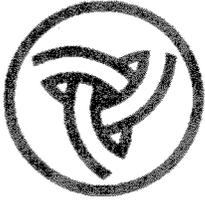
Based upon the FHWA Illinois Division's ongoing Federal oversight of the planning activities in the Chicago Metropolitan Planning Organization, we find that the transportation planning process of this region substantially meets the planning requirements described in 23 CFR 450. We can now consider project authorization requests related to this STIP amendment.

Sincerely,

John M. Donovan  
Metropolitan Planning Specialist

Enclosure

ecc: Ms. Karen Shoup, Bureau of Urban Program Planning, IDOT  
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July 20, 2015

Ms. Catherine A. Batey  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
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Attention: John Donovan

Dear Ms. Batey:

Attached for your approval and use in accordance with paragraph 23 CFR 450.326 are copies of highway amendments to the 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program for the CMAP Transportation Committee and the associated conformity determination. Administrative modifications to the TIP are provided for you information. The Transportation Committee of the MPO approved the TIP amendments and the associated conformity determination on July 17, 2015. Modifications to the TIP are attached for your use and information.

The Northeastern Illinois region has committed itself to the integration of transportation and air quality planning. To this end, the MPO has developed procedures for incorporating air quality objectives into the transportation planning process. The TIP amendments, being transmitted by this letter, are in accordance with USDOT metropolitan regulations and USEPA transportation conformity regulations. The MPO has determined that the TIP amendments are in conformance with the State Implementation Program. The changes resulting from these amendments have no effect on the emissions estimates made for the region's conformity determination.

We consider the estimate of costs included in the Transportation Improvement Program to be realistic. We concur with the fiscal consistency analysis included in the TIP, and the associated conformity determination. The total cost of the TIP remains consistent with the amount of funds expected to be available to this area during the TIP time period. The Department, on behalf of the Governor of Illinois, concurs with the projects listed in this TIP, and the associated conformity determination.

The State of Illinois would also like to amend its FY 2015-2018 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to incorporate these amendments to the CMAP Transportation Committee 2014-2019 TIP, and the associated conformity determination.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Bruce Carmitchel at 217-785-2994.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Shoup'.

Karen Shoup  
Bureau Chief